

HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF ANDREA LEEDS

HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of Andrea Leeds. Andrea's steadfast involvement in the community has truly enriched the lives of children and families in our Long Island communities.

Upon graduating from Boston University with a BA in Psychology, Andrea began her career in Human Resources at Kenyon and Eckhardt Advertising. She continued in the Wall Street offices of Chemical Bank as a Corporate Training Specialist. Finally, as Assistant Director of Human Resources at Ziff Davis Publishing, she met her favorite applicant and most notable "hire"—Michael Leeds. Following their engagement, Andrea left Ziff Davis to become Director of Human Resources at Lebharr Friedman Publishing.

While Michael was expanding CMP Media, Andrea became a full-time mom—raising three daughters. With her focus on the family, she became very involved in numerous school activities—most notably the PTA and girls' athletics.

Andrea's involvement in the community extends far beyond her own family. As a founding member and President of the Woodbury Jewish Center Sisterhood, Andrea was honored by the community as "Woman of Achievement." She is currently a Trustee of the Woodbury Jewish Center and is the Board liaison to the Senior Citizens Group.

Andrea also co-chairs the United Jewish Agencies Long Island Legislative Committee and is Executive Vice President and a member of the Board of Directors of the North Shore Child and Family Guidance Center. Throughout her service to center, which is the largest non-profit mental health center on Long Island, Andrea has led numerous initiatives including the establishment of the Trauma and Bereavement Center. Along with her husband, Michael, Andrea was recognized with the prestigious "Family Life Award" in 2002.

Together, this dynamic spouse-team runs the Andrea and Michael Leeds Family Foundation, which focuses on community health care, education and support for Israel. The Center upholds one of Andrea's core beliefs that the "key to success and understanding each other begins with education." This statement is one that Andrea maintains throughout her abundant work in our community, and I applaud her many achievements and contributions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I was out on Monday, March 14, and as a result, missed three votes. Had I been present:

For Roll Call No. 66—H.Res. 135, I would have voted "yea."

For Roll Call No. 67—H. Res. 101, I would have voted "yea."

For Roll Call No. 68—H. Res. 151, I would have voted "yea."

HONORING EARL V. JONES SR.

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DOYLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great American and Pittsburgher, Mr. Earl V. Jones, Sr. Mr. Jones is a constituent of mine and the founder of the worldwide Peace on Earth Campaign.

The Peace on Earth Campaign is centered on community leaders and the many volunteers in the community who do their part day in and day out. Local firefighters, police and paramedics have co-sponsored Mr. Jones' project which is showcased by a flag designed by Mr. Jones himself. The flag and symbol for the world peace campaign is a dove and globe in red, black, brown, yellow, and white to acknowledge the ongoing struggle for world peace.

In a post-9/11 world where terrorism and war surround us, Mr. Jones' Peace on Earth Campaign is a symbol for all nations to strive towards. The Peace on Earth campaign has been recognized and endorsed by President George W. Bush, former President Bill Clinton and Former Russian President Boris Yeltsin.

Mr. Jones organizes numerous events to promote community involvement in the Peace on Earth Campaign. One of the many events Mr. Jones' organization promotes is a highly successful student essay program in our public schools. Each essay is designed to bring awareness of the theme of peace on Earth to the youth of the world.

With his efforts to promote the noble goal of peace on Earth, Mr. Jones truly epitomizes the American values of peace, community, and brotherhood. I commend Mr. Jones on his countless hours of volunteer work spent as the ambassador and organizer for the Peace on Earth Campaign.

RECOGNIZING THE ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend U.S. Ambassador to Armenia John Evans for properly labeling the atrocities committed by the Ottoman Empire against the Armenians as genocide and to urge the President to follow his example and accurately characterize this crime against humanity in his commemorative statement next month.

Ambassador Evans recently completed his first U.S. visit to major Armenian-American communities to share his initial impressions of Armenia and our programs there. During his public exchanges with Armenian-American communities throughout the United States late last month, Ambassador Evans declared that "the Armenian Genocide was the first genocide of the twentieth century."

By employing this term, the Ambassador is building on previous statements by Presidents Reagan and Bush, as well as the repeated declarations of numerous world-renowned scholars. In effect, Evans has done nothing more than succinctly name the conclusions enunciated by those before him.

In 1981, President Reagan issued a presidential proclamation that said in part: "like the genocide of the Armenians before it, and the genocide of the Cambodians which followed it—and like too many other persecutions of too many other people—the lessons of the Holocaust must never be forgotten . . ." President Bush, himself, has invoked the textbook definition of genocide in his preceding April 24th statements by using the expressions "annihilation" and "forced exile and murder" to characterize this example of man's inhumanity to man.

Furthermore, Evans' remarks correspond with the signed statement in 2000 by 126 Genocide and Holocaust scholars affirming that the World War I Armenian Genocide is an incontestable historical fact and accordingly urging the governments of Western democracies to likewise recognize it as such. The petitioners, among whom is Nobel Laureate for Peace Elie Wiesel, also asked the Western Democracies to urge the Government and Parliament of Turkey to finally come to terms with a dark chapter of Ottoman-Turkish history and to recognize the Armenian Genocide.

The Ambassador's declarations also conform to the summary conclusions of the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) when it facilitated an independent legal study on the applicability of the 1948 Genocide Convention to events that occurred during the early twentieth century. The ICTJ report stated that "the Events, viewed collectively, can thus be said to include all of the elements of the crime of genocide as defined in the Convention, and legal scholars as well as historians, politicians, journalists and other people would be justified in continuing to so describe them."

The Armenian people's ability to survive in the face of the repression carried out against them stands as a monument to their endurance and will to live. Therefore, it is critically important that the United States speak with one voice in condemning the horrors committed against the Armenians. Only by working to preserve the truth about the Armenian Genocide can we hope to spare future generations from the horrors of the past.

In conclusion, Mr. Speaker, I join the Armenian Caucus Co-Chairs, Representatives Frank Pallone and Joe Knollenberg, in applauding the statements of Ambassador Evans and others, and in urging the President to reaffirm the U.S. record on the Armenian Genocide.

IN HONOR OF ROBERT MANCUSO

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Robert J. Mancuso, C.E.C., Executive Chef for the world-renowned Sardine Factory Restaurant on Cannery Row, who has been named Chef of the Year by the Monterey Bay Chapter of the American Culinary Federation.